

The subcommittees of the Certificate of Need Task Force released drafts of new guidelines for certificate of need for PET, Home Health, Cardiac Catheterization and Open Heart to the members of the Health Planning and Advisory Board on September 11, 2003 at Bell South Towers in Nashville, Tennessee. If you would like to comment on the guidelines, please email those comments to Mark Farber at Mark.Farber@state.tn.us prior to the October 9, 2003 Health Planning and Advisory Board meeting.

The Health Planning and Advisory Board will review the referenced criteria and standards at the October 9, 2003 meeting. If approved, the Board will vote to send the criteria and standards to a public forum where formal comments will be welcomed. The date and time of the public forum will be announced. The public comment period will be until 30 days after the public forum. Comments received during the public forum and public comment period will be reviewed by the Health Planning and Advisory Board at the December 11, 2003 meeting. At that time the Board will either make changes (if deemed necessary) and adopt the criteria and standards or remand the comments back to the appropriate subcommittee for review. The Board will set an implementation date for any newly adopted criteria. It is expected that it would be at least 90 days after final adoption.